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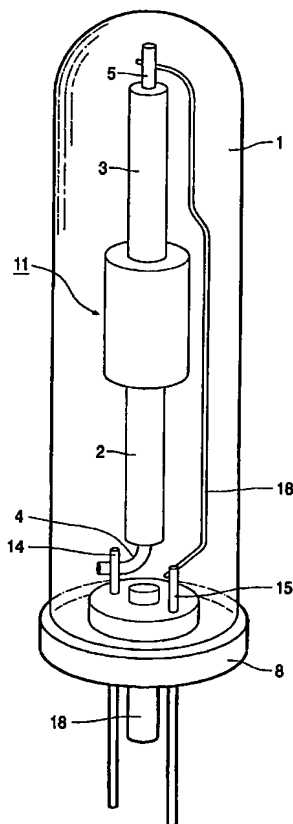
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(57) Abstract: A high-pressure discharge lamp has an outer envelope (1) in which a discharge vessel (11) is arranged. The discharge vessel encloses a discharge space (13) with an ionizable filling. The discharge vessel has two mutually opposed neck-shaped portions (2, 3) through which current-supply conductors (4, 5) extend to a pair of electrodes (6, 7) in the discharge space. A lamp base (8) of electrically insulating material supports the discharge vessel (11) via the first and second current-supply conductors. The lamp base is provided with a first (14) and a second (15) contact members connected to the respective first and the second current-supply conductor, respectively. The lamp base (8) and/or the first and/or the second contact member (14, 15) function as an end-of-life device. Preferably, the lamp base is made from soft glass and the first and the second contact member are made from an oxidized nickel-iron-chromium material, preferably from a NiFeCr alloy such as vacovit.

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